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# AGENDA



Thursday, July 27, 2006

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**Purchasing Office**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No. 47**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with ECCO INTERNATIONAL, INC., San Francisco, CA, for a market system evaluation relating to the ERCOT nodal market in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Carole Cameron, Purchasing Mgr.  
322-6155

**Purchasing Language:** Best evaluated proposal of six proposals received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

**Additional Backup Material**

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No Attachments Available

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with consulting services to perform a gap analysis between its capabilities with the existing Market System and best practices in the new nodal wholesale market that is mandated by the Public Utility Commission and will be implemented throughout Texas by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). The nodal market is intended to provide lower and more competitive and fair pricing with higher power network reliability for Texas. A market system manages and controls power generation resources and wholesale market operations. It includes the Generation Management System, Power Bidding and Scheduling System and Power Settlement System.

If a new system is recommended, the consultant will provide cost estimates for purchase and integration. If needed by AE, the consultant may be retained for a second and/or third phase of the project. The second phase would include consulting assistance in the development of a Request for Proposals. The third phase would include consulting assistance in implementation of a new system. If AE desires to retain the consultant for the second and/or third phase, a new Recommendation for Council Action will be submitted.

MBE/WBE solicited: 23/7 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

RFP No. GM06300009 PROPOSAL ANALYSIS a. Adequate competition. b. 184 notices were sent, including 23 MBEs and 7 WBEs. Twelve solicitations were issued. Six proposals were received, with no response from MBEs and WBEs.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION** a. Best evaluated proposal. b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award. c. Advertised on the Internet.